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Upcoming on March 10, 2024, please join us in celebrating UMCOR Sunday.

What is UMCOR Sunday?

UMCOR Sunday is a special Sunday designated to raise awareness and support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Much of our ministry is supported by the work of UMCOR, through grant funding, training support, and consultation. Please consider supporting UMCOR this month.



Resources

UMCOR provides printouts, videos, and starter sermons to support what you might need to participate. You can find all the information on resources and giving at the link below.

If you would like videos of how FLUMC has worked with UMCOR, please reach out to Krista Cornelius.

www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcsgiving/special-sundays/umcor-sunday-pastor-and-leader-kit



MATTRESS EVENT

In partnership with Faith UMC in Fort Myers, our Long-Term Recovery team hosted a Mattress distribution event for Hurricane Ian survivors. The event came about as our team connected with TempurSealy for a donation of 264 mattresses designated for hurricane survivors. The team worked with clients, local United Methodist Churches, and the Lee County Long Term Recovery Group- a group of organizations working on Hurricane Ian Recovery - to get the word out for those that needed new mattresses.

The pickup event was held on February 9th, 2024. The team facilitated the pickup drive through at Faith UMC, with a team of staff and volunteers. Much-appreciated muscle was used getting the mattresses (Foam mattresses separately packed in boxes) from the semi-trailer on pallets to the line formed for the recipient's vehicles. We are grateful for our volunteers: Charles, Colby, and Kathleen, and the amazing staff!

By the end of the day, 236 mattresses were distributed to approximately 145 households of hurricane survivors.

Many of the recipients receiving a mattress were thankful to be sleeping on a new mattress that night, reporting that still, over a year later, they did not have the funds to purchase mattresses after Hurricane Ian. Many have been sleeping on air mattresses or still sleeping on storm damaged mattresses until this point. We are very grateful to play a role in something that can greatly impact a survivor's day to day life.



LONG TERM RECOVERY STAFF RETREAT

February 27th & 28th, our Long-Term Recovery staff gathered together at Warren Willis Camp.

As we continue our work in recovery, we gathered together for a time of rest and relaxation at camp where we were able to grow closer to each other and closer to God. Our team enjoyed fellowship in nature, canoeing, reflective prayer stations, and engaged in conversations on how we can better ourselves so we can continue to better our community. We began discussion on our team covenant and will continue work on this together in the coming weeks.

On Wednesday, we participated in the low ropes challenge course, where we worked with our regional teams to overcome the challenges and consider how we can incorporate these lessons into our everyday workdays.

It was a wonderful two days of growing our connection as a team and furthering discussion on how we can be the best individually, as a team, and as a community.

Thank you to Warren Willis Camp for hosting us!



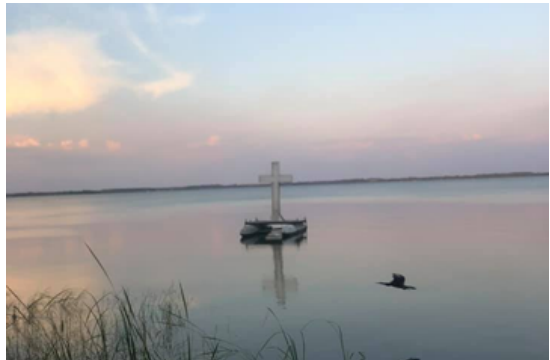
UPCOMING EVENTS

Last chance to register for ERT Academy

March 15 - 17th, at Warren Willis Camp and Conference Center, Join us for a comprehensive weekend of Early Response Team trainings, team building, and worshipping together in nature.

This weekend will include ERT Basic & Recertification, Team Leader Training, Safety Officer Training, and more. We will also offer a 16-hour chainsaw safety course.

Register by March 4, 2024, to secure your spot!



Early Response Team Training

- Port St. Lucie - 4/6/2024
 - 9:00-5:00
- Wesley Memorial UMC (Fort Myers) - 4/13/2024
 - 9:00-5:00
- Bridges UMF (Bunel) - 5/11/24
 - 9:00-5:00

Warren Willis Camp Serve Day

- March 23, 2024
 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- April 13, 2024
 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Registrations can be found on our website.



CONNECT WITH US

Thank you for being a part of our ministry. Your support and engagement mean the world to us! Here's how you can reach out and stay in the loop:

Social Media

Follow us on our social media platforms for real-time updates, behind-the-scenes content, and interactive discussions.

- Facebook: Disaster Recovery Ministry - Florida Conference - United Methodist Church
- Instagram: @flumcdisasterrecovery
- LinkedIn: Disaster Recovery Ministry - The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church
- TikTok: @flumc.dr
- Website: <https://www.flumcdisasterrecoveryministry.org/>

Events and Webinars

Stay informed about upcoming events, webinars, and workshops. Mark your calendar and join us for insightful sessions!

Events Calendar: [flumcdisasterrecoveryministry.org/training-events](https://www.flumcdisasterrecoveryministry.org/training-events)



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